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*14, Piccadilly
Bradford*

9th July, 1923.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Thanks for yours of 8th.

You will remember that Mrs Franklin told me that her Solicitors wondered why the Will should require an application to Court, instead of an application to the Charity Commissioners. The Section referred to in Clause 18 of the Will allows an application to be made either to the Court, to the Charity Commissioners or the Board of Education. I had not the whole thing in my mind at the time, but on clearing up my mind after leaving I found that the reason why the Will directed application to the Court was, that Miss Mason had ~~the~~ dread that most people have of getting into the hands of either Charity Commissioners or Board of Education. I am afraid that either of these bodies, if application were made to them, would lay down conditions which might be hampering. Undoubtedly, however, application to either of them would be less expensive ^{than to} the Court, though probably the delay would be greater.

There is going to be some difficulty in regard

to the Fairfield Property. I find on looking more closely into the Law that the Trustees have no power to keep Fairfield as real estate for the charitable purpose. The Executors are bound to sell it, though they need not do so at once. Some arrangements will have to be made for someone to buy the property from the Executors and dedicate it to the purpose of a School. I am afraid the only way to do this will be, either to form a corporate body as contemplated by Miss Mason at one time, or to make some arrangements with the P. N. E. U. Of course we are all agreed (and I think Mrs Franklin is agreed) that the P.N.E.U. must not be in a position to interfere with the carrying on of the work. Whatever arrangement is made with them it must be one which will allow the work being carried on strictly on the lines laid down in Miss Mason's Will. I am giving the whole question careful consideration, and I think the best thing for me to do is to lay the whole position before the Counsel who settled Miss Mason's Will and ask him for his advice on the various points. With such an opinion as we should get from him, we shall be better able to face Mrs Franklin.

Yours faithfully,

Wm B. Gordon

Rev. F. Lewis,

Ambleside,

WESTMORELAND.

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TELEPHONE N° 1878-1670

24, Piccadilly
Bradford.

Dear Sir,

MISS MASON, DECEASED

The duty on the legacies to the two maids is assessed at 12/-. Would you let me have a cheque for this amount.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Hunter American

Messrs Peat say that out of the £192.12 11 received from the Publishers the Executors should pay the Trustees, as their proportion of the Profit £42.15.11.

Rev'd. F. Lewis.

Ambleside,

WEST LORELAND.

If you see no objection would
you draw a cheque on the Executors
account for that amount
and pay it in to the
Trustees' a/c?

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11, Piccadilly.
Bradford.

30th July, 1923.

Dear Mr. Lewis.,

MISS MASON DECEASED

Thanks for yours of 28th. The dividends on the Stock will no doubt be remitted to you, your name being the first on the list of the holders. You will remember that the investment is made in the names of the Trustees merely for the convenience of saving the necessity of a transfer at a later date. Until the Estate is fully administered however, the Executors retain control of the stock and the dividends ought to be paid to the Executors or dealt with on their instructions.

Yours faithfully,



W.B. Gordon

Rev'd. Frank Lewis,

Ambleside,

WESTMORELAND.

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Aug 31 (1923)

Dear Mr Lewis

Inspectors do not as a rule have much experience of the work of the Board's Legal Branch which is responsible for making schemes etc, but as far as my experience goes I do not think the Trustees need have any apprehension whatever about the Scale How Trust. The Board will presumably make a scheme, in conjunction with the Trustees, which will give effect to the wishes of the founder, and thereafter the Board's part is merely to see that the scheme is duly observed. This they do in the main by scrutiny of the accounts (which as you fear would be rendered on the Board's forms) or perhaps if need be by enquiry whether through correspondence or visit of the local inspector. I do not think there would be any question of inspection in the sense that we know it i e scrutiny and criticism of method syllabus etc etc. In brief I think the Board's part in this matter would be to make a scheme which would give effect to the will and then leave everything to the Trustees unless something special arose.

We have mixed weather , but the very wet days are balanced by

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days that are quite unusually brilliant. I am just back from a trip to London by sea and a look at Wembley which I found rather boring, too much like a shop-window display on a very grandiose scale.

I hope to see you next term, which unhappily is to be my last in this area. I leave at Xmas for Liverpool where I take over the 'division', - the promotion hardly makes up for the loss of the three fair counties I have roamed over so long.

yours sincerely

J. J. R. Miller

Sent Dec 26 1923

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14, Piccadilly
Bradford

3rd December, 1923.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

MISS MASON, DECEASED.

I have now received assessment of further duties to be paid as follows :-

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| 1. Estate Duty on the amount of No. 2 Account, and the amount received from Messrs. Kegan Paul & Co. after Miss Mason's death. | 34 : 17 : 10 |
| 2. Estate Duty on the increased value of Scale How & <i>Fairfield</i> | 24 : 0 : 0 |
| 3. Succession Duty on Scale How. | <u>167 : 17 : 10</u> |
| | <u><u>£226 : 15 : 8</u></u> |

Would you kindly let us have a cheque for
£226 : 15 : 8. The cheque should be payable to the
Commissioners of Inland Revenue or Bearer and crossed Bank
of England, Inland Revenue.

Yours faithfully,

W.B. Gordon

Rev'd. F. Lewis,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

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December 31st, 1923.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

MISS MASON DECEASED.

The Legacy Duty at 10% on the residue of the Estate (excluding Scale How but including Fairfield and the furniture) has been assessed at £442 : 0 : 6, the net residue being returned at £4364 : 18 : 8. I enclose the residuary account herewith in order that you may see how this is arrived at. Please return it together with a cheque for the amount of duty. The cheque should be made payable to "The Commissioners of Inland Revenue or Bearer, and crossed Bank of England, Inland Revenue".

Yours faithfully,

Wm B Gordon

Revd. F. Lewis,
Ambleside,
Westmoreland.

*My best wishes to you
for the New Year.
After to-day I retire
from practice. I shall
be at the office frequently
in connection with other
other trusts & shall keep
in close touch with Mr.
McQueen who will deal with
the legal business of this trust.*
W.B.G.